

A Service of Lesson and Carols

Candlelight Service

December 24, 2017

Hear the good news of great joy for all!

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

The Savior is born—the Child, the Messiah, the Lord! Glory to God! Amen!

Gathering

PRELUDE

“The Gift of Love”

Hal Hopson

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Welcome to Our World”
(Katie Hurst, Soloist)

HYMN #133

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (v.1&3)
(All Sing)

Wade, 1743

WELCOME

Steve Lowe

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Worship Team

Let us pray together: God, our Life and Light, thank you for coming this night to us. Thanks for touching all heaven and earth with your splendor. In every corner of the world, shine this night with your peace. In every corner of our hearts, shine this night with your grace. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Good news of great joy!

People who walked in darkness now live in great light.

Good news of great joy!

Oppression and war will not have the last word.

Good news of great joy!

A Savior is born, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

The Christmas Story

The Prophecy

Isaiah 9:6-7

Bibles, p.600/LG. p.781

Mary’s Annunciation

Luke 1:30-33, 46-50

Bibles, p.53/LG. p.69

CAROL#88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (v.1,7)

Helmore, 1852

Joseph’s Dream

Matthew 1:18-21

Bibles, p.1/LG. p.1

The Journey

Luke 2:1-3

Bibles, p.54/LG. p.71

CAROL #121

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (v.1,2)

Brooks, 1868

The MarketPlace

Luke 2:4-5

Bibles, p.54/LG. p.71

The Inn

Luke 2:6-7

Bibles, p.54/LG. p.71

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lullaby”
(Bert Lowe, Soloist)

Angels in the Heavens

Luke 2:8-14

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CAROL #113

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (v.1,3)

Chadwick, 1860

Shepherds in the Field

Luke 2:15

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CAROL #147

“The First Nowell” (v.1,2)

Sandy’s Christmas Carols, 1833

The Manger

Luke 2:16-19
Matthew 2:1-2

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Bibles, p.1/LG. p.2

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”
(Cindy Ratliff, Soloist)

The Choir

Luke 2:20

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CAROL #134

“Joy to the World” (v.1,4)

Watts, 1719

Proclamation

Isaiah 9:2

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“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined!”

May God grant you peace on this and every night.

CAROL #122

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

Gruber, 1818

Please light your candle as the choir passes your pew. At the conclusion of the carol, you may leave the sanctuary in Christmas Joy!

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”

Go out this night in joy and hope, with the song of the angels on your lips to tell: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

May the love of God enfold us, the joy of Christ encompass us, and the Holy Spirit encourage us, as we wait in hope for Christ to come again.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Dorothy Maloney, Billie Manck, Jan Mims, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, and Sue Williams.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 12/25 & Tues. 12/26

Church Office Closed for Christmas